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SUBJECT: APPLE TREE BGFRIEND/SHAM

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1. The news of Apple's safe arrival in their operational area after the foreboding silence of previous attempts at contact merits flag-raising and our immediate comments. Too much time has passed without proper recognition being passed to the field for their Herculean efforts to get the 1952 operational program moving.

2. The fact that the team has continued on its mission in accordance with prearranged instructions, despite being handicapped by the loss of an important member at the very outset and the inability to make W/T contact or resupply on the scheduled nights late in May, are indicative not only of the morale and competence of the team but also of the thoroughness and efficaciousness of []'s organization. Although it is obvious that eventual success or failure of the mission rests to a great extent on the actions of the team in the field, it is equally true that the basis for success, thorough training, planning and briefing with corollary support functions, is dependent upon [] and his staff. The excellent detailed reports of Apple's progress and support reflect the attention given to the ingredients of success in the preparation and activation of the mission. The care and minuteness in planning is evident from the May-Day entry to capitalize on BGGYPSY celebrations, to the immediate reaction to a possibly controlled team. Now with W/T contact established and a body and supply drop in the offing, there is a basis for hope that this Apple Tree will bear a rich harvest of bitter fruit for BGGYPSY palates.

3. The Apple mission is the first step in the implementation of []'s vigorous and comprehensive operational plans for 1952, as proffered in [] plans which exploit to a large extent the varied lines of attack open to us. These plans reflect not

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only a confidence in capabilities and resources but a growth in assets and thinking. What remains is to successfully implement this plan, developing a reserve of agents in readiness to exploit the avenues which open up when pricked. The enthusiastic participation of both agents and staff, as exemplified by Apple, for the fulfillment of the varied objectives will give us ample opportunity to prove a basis exists for clandestine activity inside KMAAHOO.

4. In the future, it will not be necessary for C to forward such detailed reports on operational expenses which can be reported along with routine project accountings, but we are anxious to continue to receive a steady flow of material on all project operations. The high quality of BOFIEND reporting gives us an excellent insight into operations and serves to materially increase our knowledge of your problems, plans, and accomplishments thereby enabling us to fulfill our support function more effectively. To properly maintain our team records, it would be appreciated if copies of W/T messages to and from BOFIEND teams could be dispatched to this office in the same way Pine 3.I. letter traffic is handled.

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